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Skyline Dance Studio held their Year End Recital On Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. See more photos on page 4. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo



Local school board sues social media companies

JAMES MATTHEWS

Staff Reporter

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board has joined other Ontario boards in

a lawsuit against social media companies.

The local board, along with the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, York Catholic District School Board, the Ottawa Catholic School Board, and the District School Board of Niagara are bringing a lawsuit against Meta, Snap-

chat, and TikTok.

Meta is the owner of Facebook, Instagram, Threads, and WhatsApp.

Private schools Holy Name of Mary College School and Eitz Chaim have also joined the lawsuit that accuses the social media companies of disrupting the educa-

tion system and hindering student learning.

According to media reports, the new lawsuits bring the cumulative amount being sought to over \$7 billion. The

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Making connections
The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Willow Organic gave local women the opportunity to connect with others in the business industry by hosting a Women in Business Networking Event on Thursday, May 30 at Willow Organic. The event included discussions about health care, mental health, and business following a sound bath and refreshments. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



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Social media disrupts education, says board

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boards are seeking an additional \$2.6 billion on top of the \$4.5 billion originally sought.

While still in its early stages, the litigation calls on social media giants to make their products safer, to compensate school boards for its disruption to education, and to support TLDSB students' fundamental right to education.

Wes Hahn, the TLDSB's education director, said in a letter to parents that the legal action alleges the social media companies "have negligently designed and marketed addictive products that have disrupted our educational mandate and obligation to enhance student achievement and well-being."

The local board has retained the firm Neinstein LLP on a contingency fee basis, which means there is a fee only if there is a positive result. The lawyers' fees would be paid from the damages awarded.

Litigation costs will not come from the school board's budget, Hahn said.

"As parents/guardians, many of you know firsthand the impact that social media products have had on students," he said. "In fact, it's rewiring the way they think, act, behave, and learn."

"As a result, educators are spending increased class-

room time managing issues caused by social media, administrators are adapting to the needs of the student body with significant attention, focus, and mental health concerns, and the changing behavioral dynamics of the student population are causing significant shifts in the educational landscape and huge strains on school boards' finite resources."

The impact of social media products on student learning is a multifaceted problem that requires a multi-pronged approach.

One of those prongs is to restrict the use of phones and devices in schools.

"But, as we know, compulsive social media use outside the classroom will continue to permeate the education system and impact student learning unless change is made by the social media companies," Hahn said.

Indeed, education experts have long argued that social media has negatively rewired the way children think, behave, and learn.

"The addictive properties of the products designed by social media giants have compromised all students' ability to learn, disrupted classrooms and created a student population that suffers from increasing mental health harms," Schools for Social Media Change, an umbrella group of some plaintiffs in legal actions, said in a press release.

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Teeny Tiny Summit to focus on small community development

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Rural communities thrive when each sector collaborates and comes together to find solutions.

That's why the Teeny Tiny Summit is coming to the county next week.

"I think it's going to be a really great day to showcase Minden, the county, and some of the great things that are happening," said Angelica Ingram, tourism manager for the County of Haliburton. "This event is for anybody. It's for anybody interested in seeing the County of Haliburton grow and thrive."

The theme of Haliburton County's summit is Creating Community Wealth and Well-Being.

"We want attendees to feel really inspired. There's a lot of great things happening here. I think sometimes we take that for granted," Ingram said.

Teeny Tiny Summits were started in 2016 by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) to discuss economic development in small communities.

"Since we don't have the same resources and funding that larger scale communities do, they thought of hosting a one-day conference to have small communities show each other strategies and what works best for them," she said.

The model is successful because it brings together people from different organizations and professions to find the best solutions and connect with each other.

"When you're face to face with other people and can ask questions, a lot of good networking and conversation can



Downtown Minden in the spring. /Submitted by the County of Haliburton

happen at these events," Ingram said. "If you're involved in a private enterprise, we want you to come out. If you're involved in a not-for-profit, we want you to come. If you're a politician or work for the government, we want you to come."

This year will be Haliburton County's first Teeny Tiny Summit.

OMAFRA has Peter Kenyon, a rural development expert, attending as a keynote speaker presenting "Bank of IDEAS".

"He's going to be delivering an excel-

lent presentation about what builds great communities," Ingram said.

There will be booths at the summit for other community organizations to have a presence and share what they do.

Places for People will be speaking about their Community Bonds Program and Point in Time will speak about the Youth Wellness Hub.

"The summit will be focusing on some well-being examples and some really great not-for-profit organizations in our community."

There's a \$5 fee to register, and a delicious lunch will be catered by Molly's Market Bakery.

Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/teeny-tiny-summit-tickets-890964858877?aff=oddttdtcreator to sign up.

"The nice thing about the Teeny Tiny Summit is that it's about all of those people working together. Our community can't thrive unless we're all collaborating," Ingram said. "I'm so excited about it."



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Skyline stars

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Dysart hears about dirty situation on Wonderland Road

JAMES MATTHEWS

Staff Reporter

Wonderland Road residents have had enough of the dust and debris along their thoroughfare.

And they want Dysart municipal staff to do something about it.

John Sinclair said during council's May 28 meeting that about 70 per cent of residents have signed a petition to lobby township council to attend to the needs of the thoroughfare.

"The road is a mess," Sinclair said. "It's deteriorating as we speak. There's still potholes, washboard (sections), and lots of gravel."

As spelled out in the petition presented to council, the current condition of Wonderland Road caused by the recent resurfacing, property owners have three requests of the municipality.

They ask council to have staff redo the road surface with material suitable to create a smooth and dust-free surface. They want the township to use an environmentally safe dust inhibitor until the road can be resurfaced.

They're concerned about the hazards to health and property created by excessive dust in dry weather.

And, if it hasn't already been done, they request that a pile of gravel and garbage be removed from the entrance to Autumn Lane.

"I took three wheelbarrows of gravel out of my ditch from the snowplow," Sinclair said. "It's not my ditch, of course. It's municipal land, but we try to keep it nice."

The township recently brushed the road to remove the detritus and sand. When they did, he said, the ditch was filled in again.

"Not really fair," he said. "I was told by

the roads department that I maybe should get used to it."

"Would that be winter sand, some of that stuff, that you're getting there now from the road?" said Mayor Murray Fearrey.

"Probably," Sinclair said. "I have to idea, but there's a lot of gravel. Loose gravel."

"I'll drive the road myself," Fearrey said. "I haven't driven it yet."

"I drove it," said Councillor Barry Boice, and added that drive was before the recent rain. "We've had a lot of rain, to be fair, so I didn't see any dust."

Boice said the rain would have quelled the dust.

"I have heard from some other people that live on the road," Boice said. "That they thought it was better before it was fixed. I can't attest to that because I can't remember what it was like before that."

"It was paved," Sinclair said.

"I don't know how we can fix what's there without a major expense," said Boice. "You don't want to tear up what's there, but maybe something can go on the top of it that will help the situation."

Fearrey said pavement costs as much as five times more now than it recently cost. Indeed, many municipalities have experienced steep cost increases for their infrastructure needs since the COVID-19 pandemic shutdowns.

The current road topping is "a stone mixture."

"They've done something different and it's not sticking," Fearrey said.

Boice suggested council consult public works staff about possible options.

Fearrey said staff will be consulted and the township will reach out to the contractor that did the recent work on Wonderland Road.

School board introduces new superintendent

JAMES MATTHEWS

Staff Reporter

Nikki Train will join the Trillium Lakelands District School Board's upper ranks for the coming school year.

Train has been appointed as a superintendent of learning with responsibilities for the Special Education Services and other items. She will replace Paul Goldring who will retire in June.

Train will begin her new position on Sep. 1 and will be moving closer to family in Muskoka where her husband is originally from.

"Train comes to TLDSB with an incredible range of experiences both in leading schools and working with students with special education needs," said Wes Hahn, the board's education director.

"As a leader, she has had a great impact on consultants, support staff, principals, and school communities with her knowledge and experience in special education."

She is currently the district principal of Special Education Services at the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN). She has been a school administrator since 2012.

In that time, she was an administrator for two priority elementary schools where the focus was on improving student achievement in literacy and mathematics.

According to a press release from the school board, Train has been a student achievement leader for Kindergarten to Grade 12 Special Education Services at DSBN for the last eight years.

And she eager to continue in such a role



Nikki Train will begin in September in her role as the new superintendent of learning for special education services at the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

at the local school board.

"I look forward to stepping into this role and working with all of the wonderful people in TLDSB," Train said. "On a personal note, I enjoy traveling and watching my children participate in sports and activities, as well as being outdoors kayaking or hiking."

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A pep talk

“ALWAYS DO your best.” Back in high school, reading a book called *The Four Agreements* was a requirement for my Indigenous Studies class. I’m really not one for self-help books.

But that one is different. I’ve read it countless times since, with the binding in cracks and pen and highlighter marks on each page. Getting straight to the point of life as a human being, I bring it out whenever I need to be grounded.

It’s based on Ancient Toltec wisdom and gives four simple ways to live a life that avoids self criticism and resentment towards others.

Be impeccable with your words. Don’t take anything personally. Don’t make assumptions.

And, always do your best.

With the culture we live in, it’s no surprise that most humans want to do the best, be the best, and make no mistakes.

I’m not alone in having a fear of failure.

Since stepping into this role a year and a half ago, I’ve had to learn to accept a lot of things.

Sometimes, you will get direct criticism.

Sometimes, you hear about criticism second-hand.

It comes with the territory, and it feels personal, but it’s really not.

I like to think I grew thicker skin because of it, and have actually come to appreciate it, because it means people are reading and listening.

Many perspectives make up a great community.

What I do struggle with, though, is that last agreement.

This job, like many, has a lot of components. They’re moving and

shifting constantly.

Whatever’s at the top of our priority lists over here at the paper can get bumped with one email, call, or tip.

You can plan as much as you like, but you can’t expect to be able to stick to a rigid schedule.

If you ask my family about what I was like in school, they’d say I would spend hours upon hours on a single project.

“I have to do my absolute best,” I’d think to myself.

Unfortunately, we don’t have that kind of time.

Seven days go by too fast. One paper goes out, and we immediately start planning for the next.

My best stopped feeling like my best, you know?

I don’t have time to pour over every word like I did with school essays.

But thanks to *The Four Agreements* and some lovely people at the Home and Cottage Show this past weekend, I’m reminded that “always do your best”

doesn’t mean perfection.

Doing your best means doing your best with what you have that day.

Some days, your best will be better. Other days, it won’t.

It’s all dependent on external factors.

And our best is always good enough because it’s all we have.

So if you stopped me at the Home and Cottage Show to let me know we’re doing a great job here, thank you a hundred times over.

It’s always nice to have that reminder.

It’s so easy to wish you could do as well as you do on your best days.

Your best is always enough.

If you did that today, you’re doing great.



vivian collings

Editorial



A pair of male mallards stroll down the driveway.

by Tammy Nash

Not a pancake

THEY WERE scattered on the ground like frisbees that no one wanted to throw. Round, dark but not as smooth as a toy disc, they were under the trees in the orchard, beside the old cedar fences and within steps of the back door. Cow flaps.

As a city boy during the week and a farm boy on weekends, Ted had the best of both worlds. He liked his home and neighbourhood alright, with the energy and familiarity of a bustling metropolis.

The farm was different. Aside from the occasional vehicle passing by on the sideroad, there was not another person in sight. The only sound was the birds down by the pond and the ever-present breeze rustling through leaves and tall grass. Best of all, when Ted was at the farm, he could take on different identities. Explorer. Time traveller. Would-be farmer. Not a city kid who went to school and rode his bike along paved streets.

Cow flaps were a good case in point. When he first asked his dad what they were, the reply wasn’t helpful. Cow flaps. But then the explanation came. It also explained why his father spent one whole weekend in the blazing sun digging post holes for a fence to circle the farmhouse. He wanted to fence out more cow flaps. Cow flaps were acceptable when they had been lying around on the ground for months, even years. But when fresh – well they should be avoided at all costs.

Cattle left them all over the farm. They were on the side of the gentle hills that circled the farm house. They lurked under the crab apple tree with its creaking swing. And they waited outside the barn for unsuspecting city folk. Pulling into the long lane that lead off the main road was like stepping back in time. Instead of a brick house squeezed between other similar dwellings and fronted with tidy little patches of grass, here the view stretched open and wide. In the distance Ted could see the old log house with its lace-curtained windows and lilac bushes by the porch. Surrounding this were hills dotted with grazing cattle that continued undisturbed as the car drove up to the house. And there was always the warning to watch out for the cow flaps as Ted stepped out of the car.

The weekend Ted’s dad decided to tackle the fence made a big impression. The job began with gathering rocks for the post holes. Then digging into the hard ground brought moisture to the older man’s brow that soon increased to a dripping forehead and flushed face. As the sun bore down, the fence took shape. It went from a series of holes circling the farmhouse to a cedar rail fence that suddenly seemed to civilize a rough-and-ready-looking old structure. Later, sitting on the porch with a cold drink, Ted’s father explained how the fence would keep the cattle and their flaps away from the house.

But the cow flaps were not necessarily totally bad. And that discovery also made a big impression on Ted. It was when his father bent down and picked up an old cow flap in his hands. He then proceeded to crumple it into dry, flaky pieces that Ted was told were excellent as fertilizer for his mom’s flower bed.

At first Ted was slightly shocked to see his father handling the cow flap so casually with his bare hands. True there was no discernible smell and the flap broke up like burnt toast, still Ted wasn’t sure he’d want to do the same.

On the fence weekend Ted’s mom had stayed in the city. She was doing her own digging. A new garden beside the garage had been in the works for a while and she wanted to get at it without domestic interruptions. So when Ted and his dad pulled in the driveway late Sunday afternoon, Ted’s mom was just finishing up. She looked tired and dirty but wore a large smile of satisfaction as Ted and his dad emerged from the car. His dad handed her an old potato sack from the farm. Gazing into it, she let out a shout of pleasure. Cow flaps.

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Handy man

THE BAD thing about getting older is that, through no fault of your own, you discover useful qualities you never knew you had. For instance, up until this weekend, I never knew I was a hero.

Trust me. You don't want to be a hero. Being a hero means you need to do reckless, dangerous things.

I knew this. Yet, when Jenn asked me to have a look at our toilet seat, I did not flinch or even ask the reason why. Instead, I just blindly followed orders.

"Well, what do you think?" she asked a few minutes later.

"Nobody makes oval picture frames anymore," I muttered, as I gazed upon my reflection.

Jenn then shook me a little and said, "The toilet seat is loose. Can you fix it?"

Frankly, it was a silly question. Of course, I could. After all, you don't have to be all that smart to tighten the screws on a toilet seat. The real question was how I was going to patch that big oval hole in the middle.

But before I could verbalize this, Jenn quickly explained that the toilet seat was getting dangerously unhinged. And then she suggested that, "we" should fix it.

Not to brag or anything, but I have tightened quite a few toilet seats in my time. Which is to say, I was not particularly put off by the task.

At the same time, however, I was not so reckless as to blindly charge into a job that increases the odds of me going viral for all the wrong reasons. That's why I

did the sensible thing. That's right, I went to YouTube.

The good news is I found at least a dozen videos on tightening a toilet seat. So, since I didn't really want to do the job, I chose to watch the one that went 14 minutes.

By the time I had finished being educated, there was no question in my mind on how to complete the job. On the other hand, there were several questions on why a film school student would create a 14-minute video on the subject.

Regardless, it helped.

First off, I think Jenn was impressed on how professional I looked as I walked back into the washroom carrying my toolbox, hammer, vise grips, level, cordless drill, belt sander, skill saw, jig saw, blow torch, work bench, micrometer and a full set of really dull chisels.

(Full disclosure: I fell asleep at the two minute mark of the video.)

It must have been heartening for Jenn to watch me professionally examine our toilet seat and utter the occasional, "Uh, huh..."

"Well, what do you think?" she said.

"I'm fairly certain I have a couple of screws loose," I said, while tapping my temple.

But instead of looking at the toilet seat, she just stared at me and nodded.

I then explained that, though the repair seemed insignificant, this was probably the very reason the Titanic went down.

Then, I put on my hard hat, and reached for a big flat-head screwdriver – and, after several failed attempts remembered "Righty, tighty."

Before long, the screws were tightened, and the toilet seat was stable once again.

Heroic? Maybe.

But honestly, I don't see it that way. Heck, I'm just a normal guy who only wanted to do his doody.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

This week's pic of the past comes out of the *Echo* archives. This photo was captioned "larger customer area aids quicker service" and was part of a story on the grand opening of the Bank of Montreal in Haliburton village in May, 1980.

Supporting youth through exams

We've made it! It's hard to believe the school year is almost over and families are gearing up for summertime. But as those who attended high school remember, there is a big hurdle to jump before the last bell rings - final exams. Exam time can be a daunting and nerve-wracking time for many youth, and caregivers and parents may observe stress accumulation through changes in mood and behaviour.

The staff at Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents have put together a few school readiness tips for parents and caregivers who are supporting their children through end-of-year exams.

Acknowledge this as a time of transition and ask your child how you can best support them. This may include putting together new routines, helping structure their time, getting tutoring help, temporarily cutting back on chores or other commitments, offering tips for self-regulation, or simply giving them a bit of extra space. Allow their choices to be built into the supports you offer.

Do not minimize the importance of exams,

but keep expectations realistic and try not to add to the pressure.

Start thinking ahead of time about the strengths your child has that may help them address upcoming challenges.

Focus on the foundations that build overall wellbeing. These include ensuring adequate nutrition, hydration, and sleep, and encouraging regular exercise to recharge energy levels and regulate emotions.

Encourage them to communicate with their friends, relatives and educators about their feelings and ideas and brainstorm tips for coping and planning.

Finally, remember that building and maintaining a positive parent-child relationship can make it easier to navigate transitions and challenges. Continue to have regular check-ins with your child, acknowledge and validate their emotions, plan fun and positive activities, and collaborate to solve problems.

Submitted by Point in Time
Centre for Children, Youth and Parents



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The tradition continues
Haliburton Home & Cottage Show convenors Glenn Scott, from left, and Andy Glecoff stand with guest artist David Alexander Risk hold Risk's painting which was given away as a draw prize at the 45th annual show to a lucky visitor.
/VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Drew Staniforth from RE/MAX Professionals North Moving the Highlands Team shared information about new listings in the area.



Members of the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary were happy to share information about their wildlife rehabilitation program to guests of the 45th annual Home and Cottage Show.



Cinderella Incineration Toilets sold in Algonquin Highlands shared environmentally-friendly toilet solutions at the show.



Nancy Gosse from Brooksong Retreat & Cancer Support Centre, formerly Abbey Retreat Centre, stands with the not-for-profit organization's booth.

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The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation were at the Home & Cottage Show to share information about their Here For You campaign.



The Haliburton Home & Cottage Show was run completely by Haliburton Curling Club volunteers.



Haliburton Bus Lines drivers were handing out information about how to become a local school bus driver.



Gord Kidd from the Haliburton and District Lions Club said the club is excited to welcome new members.



Tails and Trails offered free doggy daycare to attendees of the Haliburton Home & Cottage Show.



Smokey and Ember from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry booth pose for a photo.



CanoeFM volunteers chat with Home & Cottage Show goers.

Women's soccer league welcomes newcomers

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

For the third year in a row, Haliburton Grassroots Athletics women's soccer league has offered a welcoming community to women spending the summer in the Highlands.

In 2021, Kathy Judson, a newer resident to Haliburton County, saw a gap in women's athletics in Haliburton County.

"I've started women's leagues in Windsor and Paris, France. We had women from all over the world play in that one, and it really showed how important it is to bring women in a community together in organized sports," Judson said. "When I moved to Haliburton, I was surprised that there wasn't a specific women's league. It's important for communities to have soccer."

Judson said it's the perfect way for women of all ages to come together and connect, setting aside other worries and responsibilities to have fun on the field.

"Women really need it as a fun, competitive outlet and social sweat. Co-ed is great to play, but it really does have a different vibe and different pace. Our league is so much more about the community part of it, and not just the soccer itself," Judson said.

Women that play in the league come back year after year.

"My daughter has played in girls' leagues her whole life," said player Chaundra Vasseur. "This opportunity we have to share this sport together is invaluable. I would have never played in organized soccer if it weren't for this league."



Kathy Judson started the Haliburton Grassroots Athletics soccer leagues three years ago, and the women's league has started up on Sundays at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School field. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

The community of women that we are welcomed into is like no other."

Another yearly player said playing on Sundays is the highlight of their week.

"I love the women's league. It has a different pace and feel than co-ed, and it is a high level of play, effort, and damn good fun," said Corina Hall Mansfield.

Along with the women's league, Judson also started a successful children's league.

Both play at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Field.

"The variety is very special. I only have a couple more years to wait until my daughters get to be out on the field with us, and I can't wait," Judson said.

To register for both the women's and children's leagues, visit the Dysart et al website or email kathy@sweat-bank.com.

"There's a lot of teaching and a lot of

learning on the field between the different levels of players. We have people who have never played soccer before, and people who played at the college level. We also have so many different age groups out there. We encourage anyone and everyone interested to come out and play," Judson said.

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Carolyn Langdon stands with the Haliburton County Master Gardeners booth at the 45th annual Haliburton Home & Cottage Show. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Master Gardeners publish guidebook on ecological landscaping

THOMAS SMITH

Staff Reporter

Carolyn Langdon has been coordinator for Haliburton County Master Gardeners for the past four years.

"I've been involved with the organization for 13 years now. Over half the life of the organization. It's been wonderful," said Langdon. "I heard of it through word of mouth. When you have a passion or interest in gardening and nature, you hear about things in the community. It just came about that it was a good organization to join."

The Haliburton County Master Gardeners are a group of passionate volunteers who are local experts in gardening. They are experts in taking up the challenge of gardening on the Canadian Shield. Originally, Master Gardeners of Ontario was created by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and OMAFRA to meet the needs of home gardeners. Haliburton County master Gardeners frequently provide events in which the public may attend to gain information on gardening and re-naturalizing their gardens. They also offer a consultation service in which you can have Master Gardeners visit your property where they will assess your land and provide recommendations to suit your needs including waterfront assessments and solving erosion problems. Assessments are done through donation with \$50 per hour being recommended for their services and expertise.

The Haliburton County Master Gardeners currently has 16 members. The group is considered small under the umbrella organization Master Gardeners of Ontario. Master gardeners study horticulture extensively and continually learn through training.

"We have two categories in which we work. One is gardening for food security. We provide advice. On Sunday May 2 we provided a workshop at the Minden Community Gardens. They were set up by the Minden Community Food Bank. We organized an exchange of seedlings, people could exchange them for others. There was a demonstration on how to properly transplant seedlings into the garden," said Langdon.

With around 35 people attending, Langdon says it was a very successful event.

"The other thing the organization does is gardening in harmony with nature. This is such a good goal for an organiza-

tion in such a natural setting. The Haliburton Highlands have over 600 lakes and numerous rivers. It is natural for people to take a natural approach to their properties."

1 This May, the Haliburton County Master Gardeners have published a guidebook titled *Guidebook to Ecological Landscaping in the Highlands*. The book offers tips on renaturalizing your property, how to keep it naturalized, increasing biodiversity, and embracing the local landscape into your garden plans.

"We are very proud of the publication because it is based on all original writing and it is based on our experience and information," said Langdon. "Information that property owners can get nowhere else."

The book was written collaboratively by members of the Haliburton County master Gardeners.

"We have different skills and experiences," said Langdon. The group also copyrighted the book and got an ISBN number.

It is an information product and we just want it available publicly, said Langdon.

"Many plants are not natural and pose a challenge in the Highlands."

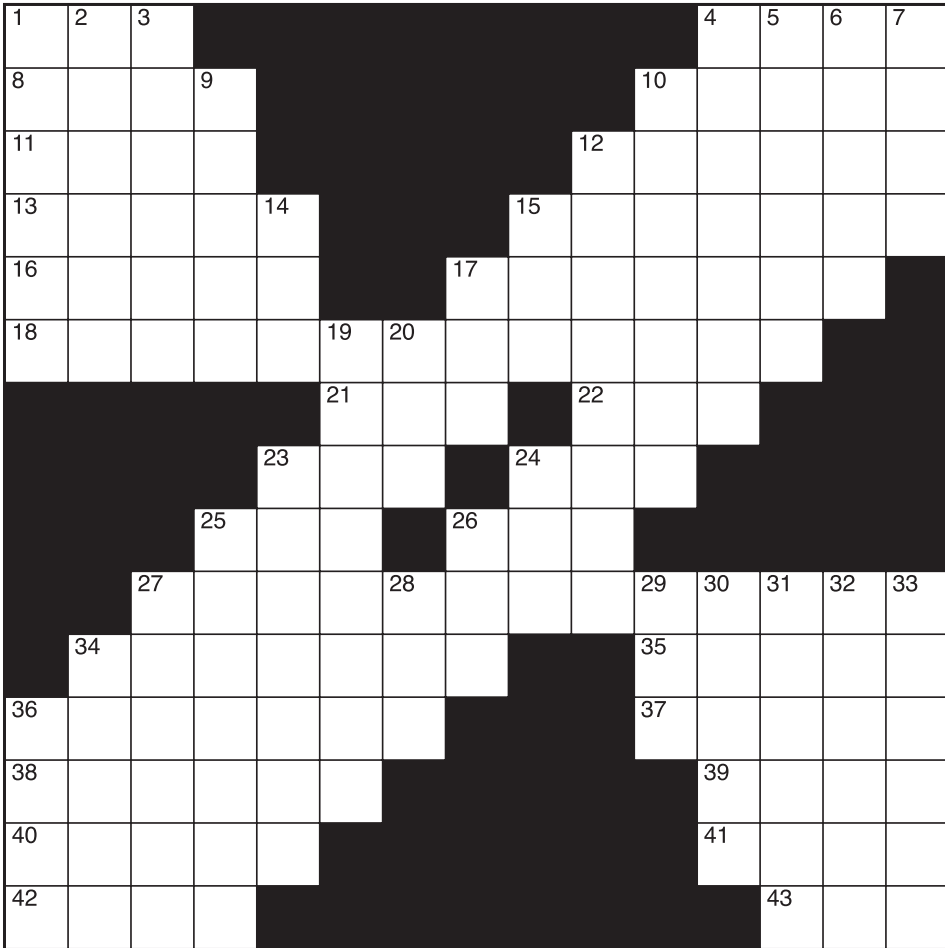
The Haliburton County Master Gardeners are responsible for the self-guided tour called "Stepping into Nature". This self-guided multimedia tour along the Minden boardwalk explores local fauna and flora that call Minden home. Information about plants, insect information, gardening tips, and audio stories are included.

Now that the Minden Boardwalk has been repaired and restored, the Haliburton County master Gardeners hope to extend the self-guided tour. There is also talk about a self-guided tour in Wilberforce.

"We are contributing and benefiting the environment," said Langdon. "Natural plants improve water quality of our lakes and our wetlands. They are really important to the environment."

Langdon says that bloodroot, wild columbine, bellwort and bunchberry are highly recommended for gardens in Haliburton County.

The Guide to Ecological Landscaping in the Haliburton Highlands is available at the local libraries and can be purchased at Rail's End Gallery, County Rose Garden Centre, Grounded Gardens at the Lucas House, Abbey Gardens, Rising Thymes, and Pine Reflection Garden Centre. The guidebook costs \$10 tax included.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Baby's dining accessory
4. Something free
8. Ancient Egyptian deity
10. Set-like mathematical categories
11. Top-quality
12. Expansive
13. Seizure
15. People with congenital absence of pigment
16. Gains
17. Mocked online
18. Clint's son
21. Body part
22. Humor
23. Code number
24. Your physique
25. Family of regulator genes
26. LA football player (abbr.)
27. "The Blonde Bombshell"
34. Charity
35. Bluish greens
36. Examined closely
37. A type of equation
38. Stretched uncomfortably
39. Indian religious god
40. Clocks
41. Slowly leak through
42. Witnesses
43. Midway between south and south-east

CLUES DOWN

1. Nestlings
2. Induces vomiting
3. A place to eat
4. Partner in the air
5. Offered one's take
6. Nobel-winning French biologist
7. Farm animals
9. Prevent from growing
10. Sensationalist periodical
12. Soft-bodied beetle
14. Very fast airplane
15. Imaginative creation
17. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
19. Evoked a response
20. French river
23. Shiny yellow minerals
24. Make illegal
25. U.S. military branch
26. River in France and Belgium
27. A woman of refinement
28. Male child
29. Type of medication
30. German city
31. Animal disease
32. Mediterranean dietary staple
33. Sneak out
34. Radioactivity unit
36. Performs on stage

Answers on page 14

Smooth Operators

The Smooth Operators perform original music at Rail's End Gallery for a crowd on Saturday, June 1. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY-LAW 2005-120 OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024
- TIME: 9:30 AM
- LOCATION: TAKE NOTICE THAT THE PUBLIC MEETING FOR ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE 135 MAPLE AVENUE, HALIBURTON, ONTARIO AND IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT USING ZOOM

Application:

Lands of Hatton and Jorgensen
(File Nos.: D14-ZB-2024-007)

Purpose and Effect: The proposed amendment would change the zoning of the subject property from Rural Type 1 (RU1) zone and Environmental Protection (EP) zone to Rural Type 1-XX (RU1-XX) exception zone and Environmental Protection (EP) zone in order to:

- Permit an additional dwelling unit to be located in front of a primary dwelling;
- Permit a reduced street setback for proposed garage; and
- Further delineate the Environmental Protection (EP) zone boundary as defined by the supporting Environmental Memo and Survey.

Location: 1031 Fishtail Lake Road, and legally described as Part Lots 23 and 24, Concession 9, Parts 2 and 3, Registered Plan 19R-7388 in the Geographic Township of Harcourt, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al.

For more information about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Municipal Clerk at mbishop@dysartetal.ca

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MATTER INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT APPEAL RIGHTS: Contact the Planning and Land Information Department by appointment during regular office hours (8:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M., Monday to Friday), or by contacting Kris Orsan, Manager of Planning at korsan@dysartetal.ca.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 4th day of June 2024.

Kris Orsan, CPT
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Planning and Land Information
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Maybelle goes to Japan, don'tcha know

Part One

DEAR READER:
Why if ol' Maybelle wasn't gifted with a trip to Japan, don'tcha know. That's right. My oldest and dearest friend, Florie Framfritcher-Kelly, whose movie making husband, Clifford, (they've been living in Beverly Hills, 90210 for over 60 years) wasn't able to make it at the last minute (movie-making stuff, don'tcha know) and yours truly was invited to join her for a trip of a lifetime! As a GIFT!

Well, at first I thought, yes, of course I'll go! Why wouldn't I go? I'd be crazy not to go. But, then, I thought: How many hours would we be in the air? And how many airplanes would it take to get there? And then, back? Oh, my insides were shaking like maracas.

You see, Florie and I wanted to fly together to Tokyo. TOKYO! Just saying the word makes me break out in sushi. Which meant, I'd first fly to California to meet up with her. That was airplane #1. The highest up ol' Maybelle had ever been was at Skyline Park in Haliburton, don'tcha know.

Now, flight #1 would take 5 ½ hours from Toronto to California, and then flight #2 (which we would take

together) would take twelve hours to Japan. Then, repeat that on the way back. Well, this ol' apple doll was smitten to go, but my knees were knocking and my mind spinning. But, wouldn't you know, my good friends in Lake WhaddayathinkI mean were all about changing that.

"You gotta go, Maybelle," Twindle Mumbly said, all excited for me, "while you're still able to."

"No, question about it, Maybelline," spouted Sybil Beaucannon Hughes. "It's the chance of a lifetime. And think what you'll miss while you're away- BLACK FLIES!"

"Yah, very far is so good," Vilma Yucch said as only Vilma can.

"Don't worry about Bogart," piped Beanpole. "We'll look after him." He was referring, of course, to my treasured pet bear.

And then Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom opened his big man-arms and said: "Get in here, May," and gave me a warm assuring hug. "You'll be fine," he

said, and slipped me some money. "Bring back a kimono for Vilma," he whispered.

Well, how could I not go after that? And before I knew it, I was bidding adieu to Lake W and heading off on my big adventure.

Now, Florie being Florie, and Clifford being Clifford, hired the five-star travel agency, Abercrombie Kent, to put together a nine-day private tour which included hotels, the likes of which could have been a destination unto themselves, personal Japanese guides everywhere we travelled, our own drivers throughout, and flying as comfortably as you possibly can, in Business Class to and from Japan.

Now, that in itself was a "trip."
For those of you haven't seen it, when you fly Business Class overseas in a Delta or United "airbus," rather

than being given a seat in a row of seats, you're given a "pod," and if it's in the centre of the plane rather than on one side, you're pretty well self-contained. Your seat can relax into a totally prone position. That's right, you can attempt a snooze during your twelve hours (or more) flight. There's a bit of a partition that separates you from the pod beside you. In my case, it was Florie who was in that pod, and being the playful person she is, she kept pushing a button that lowered the partition and each time she was ready with a funny face that made me howl.

Then there's a screen in front of you for watching movies, tv shows, streaming shows, or listening to music. And you've got a headset to boot. Then there are the pillows (yes, plural), and two blankets - a thin one and a weighted one, an eye mask to help you sleep if that's your choosing, slippers, ear plugs, and more.

So, we're in the air for a couple of hours and I'm thinking I'll try giving sleeping a whirl. I'm still belted in, wearing a face mask, and slippers, I've got two blankets on top of me, and I push the button that lowers my seat wayyyyyyy down, so I'm now flat on my back, and I pull the eye shades over my eyes. Why if I didn't feel like a corpse! Try to relax, Maybelle, I tell myself. Go with it. Just RELAX!

That's when turbulence hit. OMG, we're going downnnn! (It was a first for me so I didn't know that turbulence was normal and would pass.) WE'RE GOING DOWN!!! I pull the eye mask off, raise the seat to an upright position, un-belt myself and jump to my feet. "Florie, Florie!" I peer over the partition and what do I see? Florie, lying flat on her back, sound asleep like a baby.

As it turned out, the turbulence disappeared about ten minutes later and that was that. The rest of the flight was smooth as silk, and being soooo excited about the next ten days exploring Tokyo, Hakone, Osaka, Nara, and Kyoto, this old apple doll couldn't sleep a wink. Shinto and Buddhist temples, beautiful Japanese gardens, Mt. Fuji, an open-air art museum, and classes, don'tcha know. Oh yes, Florie and I would learn how to make sushi, take part in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony, take a class from a real Samuri, spend a night in one of the last authentic Japanese Ryokans (country inn), and more.

Dear Reader, I so would love to share it all with you, so please stay tuned for the next episode -- Maybelle Goes to Japan! Part Two, don'tcha know.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You," 21 of Maybelle's best short stories is now available at www.amazon.com.

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Notice of Comprehensive Fee By-Law Amendments

Dysart et al Council, at their June 25, 2024 meeting, will be considering changes to By-Law 2024-34, being a by-law to impose fees and charges. This amendment will add the following fees:

1. Head Lake Park Rental Fee for Organizations and Community Groups - \$250 per day for a rentals two (2) hours and over; and
2. Bandshell Rental Fee for Organizations a Community Groups - \$100 per day for a rentals two (2) hours and over.

Local service clubs will be exempted from these charges.

Further information on these fee changes will be available on <https://www.dysartetal.ca/>.

Mallory Bishop, Municipal Clerk



Notice (Applicant – Venalainen)

In the matter of the *Municipal Act* and in the matter of a proposed By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance for road along the shore of **Stormy Lake**, more particularly hereinafter described.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, July 9, 2024**, at 9:30 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 26, Concession 13, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on Plan 19R-10973 made by **IBW Surveyors, completed October 30, 2023**.

The Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or e-mail the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

And Take Further Notice that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Part of the Shore Road Allowance please contact the Municipal Clerk.

Dated at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 4th day of June, 2024.

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A detailed job description is available at:
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Interested individuals are invited to email a detailed resume and cover letter to:
Sonja Marx, HR Manager: hr@dysartetal.ca

Closing date is 4:00pm on Thursday, June 6th, 2024.

We thank all of those who apply, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Accommodations for applicants with disabilities will be provided upon request. The Municipality of Dysart et al is an equal opportunity employer. Personal information is collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used only for employment purposes.

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Leonard "Len" Foster
VA3LGF

On October 29, 2023, at age 82, after a 7 year battle against Lewy Body Dementia, Len gently slipped away from this earthly life into a new eternal life where his brain is again whole and he is capable of feeling joy, love, and happiness. Devoted and loving husband of Susan Foster. Cherished father of Robin (Keith), Susan (Jim), Steven, and Keith (Kathy). Len will be greatly missed by his brother David. He is predeceased by his first wife Pearl, partner Mary, and brothers Brian and Alan.

Len was the first Fire Chief of Cardiff Fire Department and was the founder and past president of the Minden Amateur Radio Club.

Visitation & Memorial Mass

Friends and family are invited to call at **OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** 7 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden on Friday morning, June 14, 2024 for a Memorial Mass at 12 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). A reception will follow in the Church Hall. As an expression of sympathy, donations to The Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



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Jean Iles (Nee Webb)
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Friday, May 31, 2024, in her 92nd year. She was predeceased by Joe, her loving husband of 55 years. Proud mother of Pam (Rob), Mike (predeceased) (Wendy), and Joe Jr. (Myra). Loving Grandmother to Jessica, Mathew, Christopher, Tessa, Talese, Kaisha, and Kass. Especially proud Great-Nana to Joe Iles. She will be missed by her sister Donna Thain of Winnipeg.

Remembrance Gathering

Friends and family were invited to call at **THE COMMUNITY ROOM** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Monday afternoon, June 3, 2024, to visit with the family from 1-3 p.m. As an expression of sympathy, donations to SIRCH Community Services would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



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In Loving Memory of
Pat Wilson

Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest, Minden on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 with her husband, sons and sister by her side, in her 75th year.

Loving wife and best friend of Jim for 31 years. Loving mother of Michael (Fran), Craig (Jessica), loving grandma of Todd, Sommer, Rebecca, Nicholas, Tyler and Ava. Dear sister of Sue Kelly (Michael-deceased) and aunt of Ryan (Moya). Fondly remembered by William Earle and by the extended Earle and Wilson Families.

Pat was a Graduate of the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal as a registered nurse that lead to a career at Brant County Public Health until retiring in 2004. The family would like to acknowledge the loving care and dignity provided to Pat by the nurses, psw's and staff during her two year stay at Hyland Crest.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 from 3:00 until 6:00 pm. A Memorial Mass to Celebrate Pat's Life will be held at the Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Church Hall. Cremation has taken place and interment at the Brockville Cemetery will take place at a later date.

Memorial Donations to the Minden Food Bank or the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family.



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In Loving Memory of
Charlotte Ethel Heinze-Galvin
(nee Langley)

Passed away on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre in her 83rd year.

Predeceased by husbands, Robert Heinze and Delmer Galvin; beloved mother of Brian Charles Rees (wife, BJ), Sheryl Ann Scott (husband, Wayne) and Susan Lynn Griffiths (husband, Paul). Ethel was the cherished grandmother of Alan Robert Griffiths and loving sister to the late Ernest Langley (Jackie), George Langley (Laraine), the late Phylis Mosher (Bruce) and the late Doris Weatherall (Shane).

Ethel was a life-long member and Past President of the United Church Women's Fellowship as well as a Life Member of the Royal Canadian Legion and served as Past President of Br. 129 Haliburton.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at the Nisbett Funeral Home, 600 Monaghan Rd. S., Peterborough beginning at 12p.m. until time of service in the chapel at 1p.m. Interment will take place in Rosemount Memorial Gardens.

In memory of Ethel, please consider a donation to The Royal Canadian Legion or the Peterborough Health Centre.

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Reel sweet

Filmmaker highlights Haliburton couple in chocolate doc

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It's not easy being green

Creative ballet dancers perform to Bein' Green during the Heritage Ballet recital Music Through the Ages on June 3 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. The show featured ballet, jazz and tap dances. More on page 10. Angelica Blenich Staff

Retired NHLer enjoying Cup run

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

West Guilford's Bernie Nicholls isn't entirely sure what will happen if the Los Angeles Kings win their first Stanley Cup. All he knows is that he wants to bring it to his hunt camp in Haliburton County.

"It'll make an appearance in Haliburton, but it will also make an appearance in the wild," he said.

Nicholls, a former NHLer who played with the Kings (1981-1992) during an 18-year career, is a consultant with the team and has enjoyed his first experience in this Stanley Cup final.

"It's awesome. Going through it as a player is better. There's stuff you can do about the games and situations, but I think this has been a pretty good ride. It's been a lot of fun being around the guys going through what everybody has gone through it's pretty cool," he said.

The Kings entered as the eighth seed and have made believers out of the skeptics, beating the

team with the best regular season record, the Vancouver Canucks, in the first round. Nicholls has relished the underdog role.

"Not everyone gets an opportunity to do what is happening right now and just to see it develop to see it round by round," he said, adding being witness to the sacrifice and effort put forward has been satisfying. "Not many people obviously felt we could do it, but I think that's mainly because they've never really seen our team enough being

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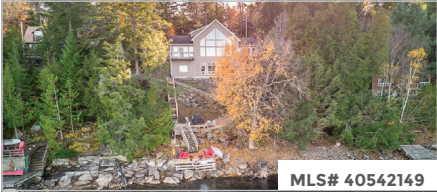
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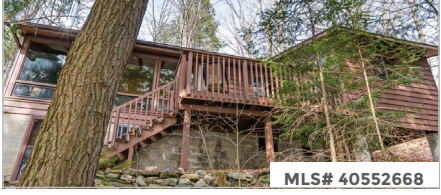
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